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Autosomal dominant parkinsonism linked to chromosome 12q12 (PARK8) has recently been attributed to pathogenic amino acid substitutions in leucine rich repeat kinase 2 (LRRK2). Addition linkage analysis and sequencing, within multiplex families, has confirmed the PARK8 assignment and identified a novel, heterozygous LRRK2 mutation. A referral sample of 248 patients with Parkinson's disease, consistent with autosomal dominant inheritance, was assessed and seven affected probands (2.8%) were found to carry the heterozygous 6055G>A transition (G2019S). By screening of three populationbased series, six additional families carrying this mutation were identified. Within these families, LRRK2 G2019S segregates with disease (mLOD<sub>NPL</sub> = 2.10, P=.001); of forty-two additional family members examined, twenty-two have a G2019S substitution, and seven had a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. Disease penetrance is age-dependent, increasing from 17% at the age of 50 to 85% at the age of 70. The families originate from Norway, the US, Ireland, and Poland, but share an ancient ancestral haplotype, indicative of a common founder. In conclusion, our study demonstrates LRRK2 G2019S accounts for many families with autosomal dominant parkinsonism and suggests a substantial proportion of typical, late-onset Parkinson's disease has a genetic basis.

#### Introduction

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Parkinsonism (MIM168600) is a clinical syndrome characterized by bradykinesia, resting tremor, muscle rigidity, and postural instability (Gelb et al. 1999). The most common cause of parkinsonism is Parkinson's disease (PD). Second to Alzheimer's disease, PD is the most common neurodegenerative disorder affecting >1% of the population over 55 years of age (de Rijk et al. 1995). Neuropathological findings in PD are loss of pigmented neurons in the brainstem, substantia nigra and locus ceruleus, with intracellular Lewy body inclusions found within surviving neurons (Forno 1996).

Although PD is considered a sporadic disease, various hereditary forms of parkinsonism have been recognized (Vila and Przedborski 2004). A major breakthrough in recent years has been the mapping and cloning of a number of genes causing monogenic forms of parkinsonism. Genomic multiplication and missense mutations in the a-synuclein gene were initially identified in a small number of families with autosomal dominant parkinsonism (PARK1/4 [MIM 168601]) (Polymeropoulos et al. 1997; Kruger et al. 1998; Singleton et al. 2003; Chartier-Harlin et al. 2004; Farrer et al. 2004; Zarranz et al. 2004). Patients present with levodopa-responsive parkinsonism, however early-onset dementia is

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frequent (Spira et al. 2001). Subsequently, α-synuclein antibodies were found to robustly stain Lewy bodies and Lewy neurites in the *substantia nigra* in familial and sporadic PD (Spillantini et al. 1997) and common genetic variability in the α-synuclein promoter has been implicated in sporadic PD (Pals et al. 2004).

Autosomal recessive mutations in three genes, parkin, D.J-1 and PINK1 have been linked with early-onset parkinsonism (<45 years at onset) (PARK2, PARK6 & PARK7 [MIM 602533, 602544 & 608309]) (Kitada et al. 1998; Bonifati et al. 2003; Valente et al. 2004). A large number of pathogenic mutations and rearrangements have been identified in the parkin gene reviewed by (Mata et al. 2004), but mutations in DJ-1 and PINK-1 are rare (unpublished data). Very recently, we identified pathogenic mutations in a novel gene, leucine-rich repeat kinase 2 (LRRK2) in six families with autosomal-dominant parkinsonism, linked to the PARK8 locus [MIM 607060]) (Zimprich et al. 2004a). Paisan-Ruiz and colleagues independently confirmed these findings in a British and Basque families (Paisan-Ruiz et al. 2004).

Herein, we describe a novel LRRK2 mutation in thirteen families with diverse US and European origins, identified from a subset of 248 multiplex kindreds with dominantly inherited PD and three populaton-based series. Segregation analysis provides evidence for pathogenicity and an estimate of age-associated penetrance; haplotype analysis demonstrates the mutation originates from a common and ancient founder.

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#### Subjects and Methods

Study subjects

The patients and controls were examined by neurologists specialized in movement disorders. A full history, including family history and neurological examination, was completed on each patient. Clinical diagnosis of PD required the presence of at least two of three cardinal signs (resting tremor, bradykinesia and rigidity), improvement from adequate dopaminergic therapy and the absence of atypical features or other causes of parkinsonism. All patients and controls are participating in genetic studies of PD and informed consent has been obtained from all participants. The Institutional Review Boards of the participating institutions have approved these studies.

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#### LRRK2 sequencing and mutation screening

Blood samples were taken and genomic DNA was extracted using standard techniques. Six families (families 194, 281, 3081, 3082, 3083 and 3211) were known to have a positive LOD-score for microsatellite markers in the PARK8 locus (Zimprich et al. 2004b). Amplification of all 51 exons of the *LRRK2* gene was performed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) in one patient from each of these six families. All PCRs were carried out for each primer set with 20-50 ng of template DNA in a total volume of 25µl using a final reaction concentration of 200 µM dNTP, 1x PCR-Buffer (Qiagen), 1x Q-Solution (Qiagen), and 0.8 µM of each primer. One unit of Taq polymerase (Qiagen) was added to each reaction. Amplification was performed using a 57-52°C-touchdown protocol over 38 cycles. The primers used for PCR amplification of *LRRK2* exons and for sequencing are available on request.

The nucleotide sequences of all PCR products were determined by direct sequencing. Each PCR product was cleaned by using a Millipore PCR purification plate. Three microliters of purified PCR product was used per sequencing reaction with 1 µl of either the forward or reverse PCR primer and 1 µl of BigDye reaction mix (Applied Biosystems). Electrophoresis was performed under standard conditions on an ABI 3730 automated sequencer (Applied Biosystems). All sequences were obtained with both forward and reverse primers. Sequences were analyzed with SeqScape software version 2.1.1 (Applied Biosystems) and compared with published sequence of LRRK2 (GcnBank accession no. AY792511).

After identification of a heterozygous G2019S (G6055A) mutation in the proband of family 3215 (referred to as family 3211 in Zimprich et al, 2004b), we designed a probe employing TaqMan chemistry on an ABI7900 (Applied Biosystems) to screen for this mutation. First we examined 248 PD patients from families with a known family history, consistent with autosomal dominant transmission of the causative gene. Then 377 Norwegian, 271 Irish and 100 Polish PD patients were checked using this assay; 2260 control samples from similar populations were also included (1200 US American, 550 Norwegian, 330 Irish and 180 Polish subjects). Mutations were confirmed by direct sequencing of PCR products from LRRK2 exon 41. Finally, all participating family members of LRRK2 G2019 mutation carriers (affected and unaffected) were screened for the mutation.

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#### Genotyping of STR markers

Fourteen microsatellite markers were genotyped in mutation carriers and all available family members, for linkage analyses and to determine whether there was a particular haplotype associated with the *LRRK2* mutation. Microsatellite markers were chosen to span the PARK8 region including D12S87, D12S1648, D12S2080, D12S2194, D12S1048, D12S1301 and D12S1701. *LRRK2* is located between D12S2194 and D12S1048. We also developed seven novel STR markers in this region (shown in table 1 below) by searching for repeat polymorphisms using RepeatMasker of *in silico* BAC sequence (UCSC Human Genome Browser Web site). The labeling of these novel markers reflects their physical position relative to the start codon of *LRRK2*.

Table 1. Novel chromosome 12 STR markers

Marker name	Primer sequence	Physical position
	•	(bp)
-31Kb	F: 5'-TTGCAGCTGTAAGGAATTTGGG-3'	38873779
	R: 5'-GCATTCTTCAGCCTGAGACCC-3'	
LRRK2_69Kb	F: 5'-TGAAGGACACTGAACAAGATGG-3'	38974140
	R: 5'-GCCATAGTCCTTCCATAGTTCC-3'	
LRRK2_84Kb	F: 5'-CGCAGCGAGCATTGTACC-3'	38989214
	R: 5'-CTCGGAAAGTTTCCCAATTC-3'	
LRRK2_129Kb	F: 5'-CTGGTATTACCTCAACTGTGGCTC-3'	39034800
	R: 5'-ACTGGTATGTTTAAGCCTGGCAC-3'	
212Kb	F: 5'-AGCAGCAGAGAAGATTTCAATAAC-3'	39116816
	R: 5'-AATCATCTTTGAAAGAACCAGG-3'	
243Kb	F: 5'-TAAACGAAGCTCCCTCACTGTAAG-3'	39147728
	R: 5'-TCTTTGTAGCTGCGGTTGTTTC-3'	
378Kb	F: 5'-TCATGAAGATGTCTGTGATAGGGC-3'	39282976
	R: 5'-CTCTATTGTGAGCAAACTGCATGG-3'	

One primer of each pair was labeled with a fluorescent tag. PCR reactions were
carried out on 10-20 ng of DNA in a total volume of 15 µl with final reaction
concentrations of 150 µM dNTP, 1x PCR-Buffer (Qiagen), 1x Q-Solution (Qiagen) and 0.6
µM of each primer, with 1 unit of Taq Polymerase (Qiagen). Amplification was performed

using a 57-52°C-touchdown protocol over 38 cycles. The PCR product for each microsatellite was diluted by a factor of 10 to 100 with water. One microliter was then added to 10 µl of Hi-Di Formamide and Rox size standard. All samples were run on an ABI 3100 genetic analyzer, and results were analyzed using Genescan 3.7 and Genotyper 3.7 software (Applied Biosystems). Since population allele frequencies were not available from the CEPH database, these have been estimated by genotyping 95 unrelated subjects from the United States (shown in table 2 below).

Table 2. Allele frequencies of STR markers

Marker and allele (bp) Frequency (%)

	Marker and allele (bp)	Frequency (%)
_	D12S87 (n = 92)	
	150	0.5
	154	1.1
	156	27.2
	158	33.2
	160 °	11.4
	162	2.7
	164	6.0
	166	17.4
	168	0.5
	D12S1648 (n = 91)	
	110	13.7
	112	3.3
	114	11.0
	1.16	4,4
	118	2.2
	120	2.8
	122	17.0
	124	3.9
	126	7.7
	128	14.3
	130	8.8
	132	2.8
	134	2.8
	136	1.7
	138	0.6
	140	2.2
	142	1.1
	D12S2080 (n = 93)	
	176	1.6
	180	20.2
	184	44.7
	1.88	22.9
	192	10.6
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Table 2 (continued)

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Marker and allele (bp)	Frequency (%)
D12S2194 (n = 87)	
245	0.6
249	40.9
253	32.4
257	19.9
261	4.6
265	1.7
Marker and allele (bp)	Frequency (%)
-31Kb (n = 82)	•
284	11.0
290	53.1
293	32.3
296	1.2
299	2.4
$LRRK2_{69}Kb (n = 93)$	
207	3.2
211	26.6
215	18.6
219	22.9
223	20.7
227	5.3
231	2.7
LRRK2 $84Kb(n = 78)$	<b></b> ·
251	37.3
253	62.7
LRRK2 129Kb (n = 90)	<b>72.</b>
151	79.7
165	15.9
167	4.4
378Kb (n = 93)	.,,
179	8.5
181	7.5
183	15.4
185	8.5
187	11.7
189	8.0
191	5.3
1.93	1.1
195	1.1
197	3.2
197	0.5
201	3.7
201	6.9
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Table 2 (continued)

Marker and allele (bp)	Frequency (%)
378Kb (n = 93)	
205	6.9
207	4.3
209	2.1
211	3.2
213	1.6
215	0.5_
212Kb (n = 72)	
132	29.5
134	22.6
138	22.6
140	25.3
243Kb (n = $89$ )	
300	18.9
309	41.1
312	8.9
315	30.0
318	1.1
D12S1048 (n = 89)	
211	37.2
214	21.1
217	17.8
220	2.2
223	6.7
226	11.7
229	3.3
D12S1301 (n = 93)	
96	0.5
100	37.2
104	17.6
108	11.1
112	12.2
116	13.3
120	7.5
124	0.5
D12S1701 ( $n = 93$ )	4.0
89	4.3
91	4.8
93	10.8
95	40.0
97	16.0
99	12.4
101	11.8
103	0.5

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#### Statistical Analysis

Multipoint nonparametric LOD scores for all families were calculated using GENEHUNTER-PLUS (Kong and Cox 1997). The frequency of the deleterious allele was set at 0.0001, and empirically determined allele frequencies were employed. The map positions for each marker were taken from Rutgers combined linkage-physical map version 1.0 (MAP-O-MAT web site). The three loci D12S2080, D12S2194 and D12S1301 are very tightly linked, with no observed recombinants in the database or within our genotyped families, and thus inter-marker distances were assigned as 0.01cM.

Chromosome 12 haplotypes in the PARK8 region were established for those families in which chromosome phase for mutation-carrying individuals could be deduced, thereby determining which alleles co-segregated with the *LRRK2* G2019S mutation in each family. For those affected individuals in whom the associated allele for a marker could not be determined, both alleles are given.

The age-dependent penetrance was estimated as the probability of a gene carrier becoming affected, at a given age, within the 13 families. The number of affected mutation carriers, for each decade, was divided by the total number of affected individuals, plus the number of unaffected carriers within that range. For some affected family members no DNA was available and only historical data on the disease course was obtained. These individuals were excluded from penetrance calculations.

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#### Results

We identified 13 affected probands who carry a heterozygous G6055A mutation in exon 41 of the *LRRK2* gene. The mutation leads to a G2019S amino acid substitution of a highly conserved residue within the predicted activation loop of the MAPKKK domain (figure 1). After genotyping a total of 42 additional family members, 22 additional subjects were found to carry the mutation, seven with a diagnosis of PD (shown in table 3 below). One affected member of family P-089 did not carry the mutation and, for the purposes of this study, was considered a phenocopy and excluded from further analyses. Seven families originated from Norway, three were from the United States, two from Ireland, and one was from Poland. One family from the United States descended from Russian/Rumania, and another from Italy. For only one family (family 111), the ethnic origin was unknown. The *LRRK2* G2019S mutation segregates with disease in all kindreds, consistent with autosomal dominant transmission. To ensure patient confidentiality, simplified versions of the family

Table 3. Demographic and clinical information on 13 families with LRRK2 G2019S.

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Age at onset of clinical symptoms was quite variable, even within the same family. Family 1120, a family from the United States, had both the earliest and latest age at onset for a patient. The youngest affected subject had an onset at 39 years, whereas the oldest carrier presented with initial symptoms at 78 years. Where recorded, most *LRRK2* G2019S carriers have late-onset disease (>50 years at onset). The mean age at onset of affected mutation carriers was 56.8 years (range 39-78 years, n=19). Unaffected carriers have a mean age of 53.9 years (range 26-74 years, n=14). The penetrance of the mutation was found to be highly age-dependent, increasing from 17% at the age of 50 to 85% at the age of 70 (figure 4).

Evidence for linkage to the PARK8 locus was found across families, with a combined maximum multipoint LOD score of 2.10 [for all 14 markers], corresponding to a P value of 0.001. As only a defined chromosomal region was investigated, rather than a genome-wide search, this LOD score exceeds that required for significance, P=0.01 (Lander and Kruglyak 1995). A positive LOD score was found in all families where more then one affected subject was genotyped (table 3).

All affected members from the different families, except the individual in family P-089 who did not carry the mutation, appear to share a common haplotype on chromosome 12 in the area of the *LRRK2* gene (figure 3). Haplotypes can be established with certainty in nine of the families, and all mutation carriers in these families share alleles for four microsatellite markers closely linked to the *LRRK2* gene. These markers are *LRRK2* 84Kb, 129Kb, 212Kb and 243Kb. For the remaining families, the number of available samples from relatives was not sufficient to determine phase. However, the genotypes in these cases are consistent with a common *LRRK2* G2019S allele. LRRK2\_84Kb is located in intron 29 and LRRK2\_129Kb is located in intron 44 of the *LRRK2* gene, whereas the two other shared markers are positioned 3' of the gene. Using the physical position of the shared and non-shared markers, the size of the shared haplotype is between 158 kb and 309 kb.

#### 30 Discussion

We have identified a novel *LRRK2* mutation, G2019S, which co-segregates with autosomal dominant parkinsonism in 13 kindreds originating from several European populations. Positive LOD scores were obtained in multiplex families, and combined they

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provide significant support for the PARK8 locus. LRRK2 G2019S mutation was absent in a large number of control subjects, and of similar ethnicity. The number of families linked to LRRK2 in this and previous studies now explains the majority of genetically defined autosomal dominant parkinsonism.

The mean age at onset of affected LRRK2 G2019S carriers was 56.8 years, and comparable to that of patients in other families linked to PARK8 (Funayama et al. 2002; Paisan-Ruiz et al. 2004; Zimprich et al. 2004a). The majority of patients present with lateonset disease, indistinguishable from typical idiopathic PD. Disease penetrance is age-dependent, and increases in a linear fashion from 17% at the age of 50 to 85% at the age of 70. Age is the single most consistent risk factor for development of PD and other neurodegenerative disorders (Lang and Lozano 1998), and an important risk factor in LRRK2 associated parkinsonism. Interestingly, age at onset was variable in this study, both within and between different families, suggesting other susceptibility factors, environmental or genetic, may influence the phenotype.

Although our findings clearly indicate that LRRK2 mutations account for a substantial proportion of familial late-onset parkinsonism, historically, cross-sectional twin studies have not supported a genetic etiology for late-onset PD (Tanner et al. 1999; Wirdefeldt et al. 2004). The age-associated penetrance of LRRK2 mutations provides some explanation as even large and well designed twin studies are underpowered to detect incompletely penetrant mutations (Simon et al. 2002). LRRK2 mutations were also found in apparently sporadic PD patients; three of the patients in this study did not have any known affected first- or second-degree relatives. However, a caveat of age-dependent penetrance is that carriers may die of other diseases, before manifesting or being diagnosed with PD. Thus, it seems difficult to separate sporadic and familial PD, or to hypothesize environmental causes to be more important in one group and genetic causes more prominent in the other. In light of these results, a family history of parkinsonism, previously considered an exclusion criterion for a diagnosis of PD, must be reconsidered (Hughes et al. 1992).

LRRK2 is a member of the recently defined ROCO protein family (Bosgraaf and Van Haastert 2003). In human, mouse and rat, members of the ROCO protein family have five conserved domains (figure 1). The kinase domain belongs to the MAPKKK subfamily of kinases. The active sites of all kinases are located in a cleft between an N-terminal and a C-terminal lobe, typically covered by an 'activation loop', in an inactive conformation. The activation loop must undergo crucial structural changes to allow access to peptide

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substrates and to orientate key catalytic amino acids (Huse and Kuriyan 2002). In different kinases, the activation loop starts and ends with the conserved residues asp-phc-gly (DFG) and ala-pro-glu (APE), respectively (Dibb et al. 2004). Of note, the *LRRK2* G2019S substitution changes a highly conserved amino acid at the start of this loop (figure 5). In a German family we previously described, an I2020T mutation is located in an adjacent codon (Zimprich et al. 2004a). In other kinases, oncogenic mutations in residues within the activation loop of the kinase domain have an activating effect (Davies et al. 2002), thus we postulate *LRRK2* G2019S and I2020T mutations may have an activating effect on its kinase activity.

The age of an allele may be estimated from the genetic variation among different copies (intra-allelic variation), or from its frequency (Slatkin and Rannala 2000). However, the local recombination rate on chromosome 12q12 is unknown, as is the frequency of the G2019S mutation in the general population. Nevertheless, at centromeres there is generally a dearth in recombination; indeed no crossovers have been observed between *LRRK2* flanking markers D12S2194 and D12S1048 in our studies, or within CEPH families (MAP-O-MAT web site). The physical size of the shared haplotype is also small, between 158 kb and 309 kb, and the allele is widespread in families from several European populations. Hence, the mutation is likely to be ancient and may be relatively common in specific populations. These data suggest a substantial proportion of late-onset PD will have a genetic basis.

#### **Electronic-Database Information**

The physical position of markers is from NCBI build 34. Accession numbers and URLs for data presented herein are as follows:

Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Omim/MAP-O-MAT, http://compgen.rutgers.edu/mapomat
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#### Patent claims

- 1. A polynucleotide consisting of the base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a complementary strand thereto, wherein the X is one of the group being defined by the bases A, C or T
- 2. A polynucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide is at the least a part of a gene.
- 3. A peptid consisting of the base sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the x is not glycine.
- 4. A recombinant vector comprising a polynucleotid according to claim 1.
- 5. A DNA probe specific for the polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein it contains more than 10 consecutive nucleotides from the nucleotide, or the complementary strand.
- 6. A method of proving parkinsonism inheritance, by screening a sample of material taken from the subject of interest, with a probe according to claim 5.
- 7. DNA primer specific for the polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein it contains more than 10consecutive nucleotides from the nucleotide, or the complementary strand.
  - 8. Use of a polynucleotide according to claim 1, or a vector according to claim 4, to transfect an organism.
- 25 9. Use according to claim 8, wherein the organism is a mammal.



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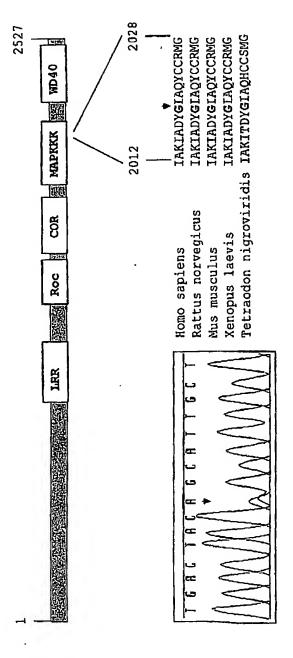
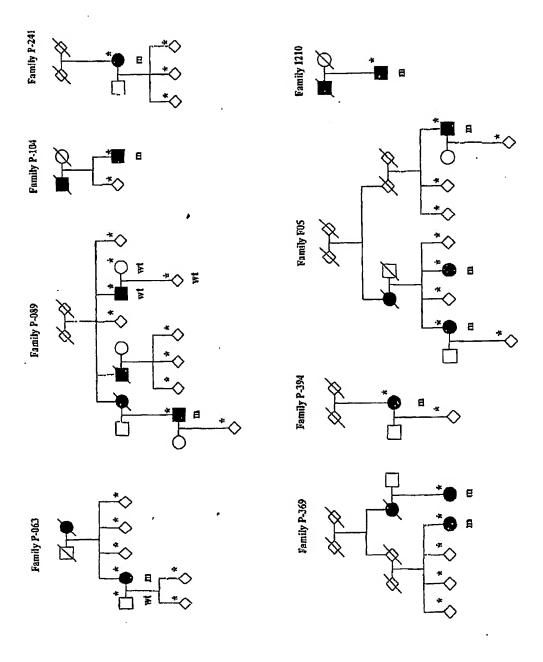


Figure 1. Schematic drawing of LRRK2 with predicted protein domains

(LRR - leucine rich repeat, Roc - Ras in complex proteins, COR - domain C-terminal of Roc, MAPKKK - mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase, wD40 - WD40 repeats). The human LRRK2 protein sequence in the region of the G2019S mutation is aligned with orthologs from rat (XP\_235581), mouse (AAH34074), frog (AAH76853), and puffer fish (CAG05593). The chromatogram shows the 6055G>A transition (G2019S)







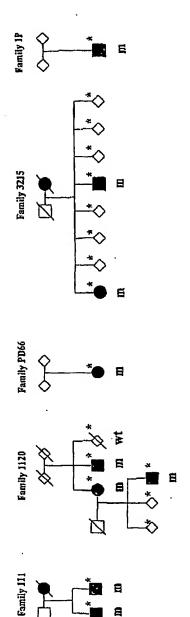


Figure 2. Pedigrees of families with LRRK2 G2019S

Blackened symbols denote affected family members with parkinsonism. An asterisk denotes genotyped individual, with "m" for mutation carriers and "wt" for wild-type LRRK2. To protect confidentiality, the genotypes and genders of some unaffected individuals are not shown.



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Figure 3. Chromosome 12q12 STR markers on the disease haplotype (PARK8).

Genotypes for probands from 13 families with LRRK2 G2019S are shown, those shared are highlighted in grey.



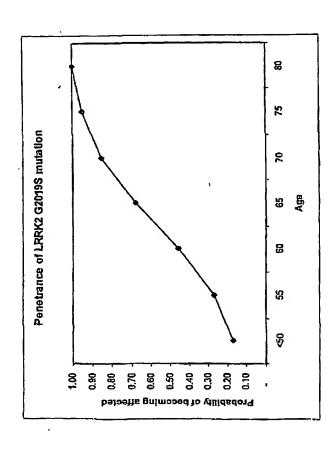


Figure 4. Probability of becoming affected by parkinsonism, in LRRKZG2019S carriers, as a function of age.



LRRK2	DYGIAQYCCRMGIKTSEGTPGFRAPE
LRRK1	DYGISRQSFHEGALGVEGTPGYQAPE
MATK	DFGLAKAERKGLDSSRLPVKWTAPE
PDGFRA	DFGLARDIMHDSNYVSKGSTFLPVKWMAPE
MAP3K10	DFGLAREWHKTTKMSAAGTYAWMAPE
DAPK1	DFGNEFKNIFGTPEFVAPE
BRAE	<b>DFGLATVKSRMSGSHQFEQLSGSILWMAPE</b>

Figure 5. Aligned amino acid sequences of the activation loop of different human kinases.

leucine-rich repeat kinase 1, MATK – megakaryocyte-associated tyrosine kinase, PDGFRA – platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha, MAP3K10 – mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 10, DAPK1 – death-associated protein kinase 1, BRAF – v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1) In most kinases, the activation loop starts and ends with the conserved residues DFG and APE, respectively . In LRRKZ and LRRKI phenylalanine is changed to tyrosine, an amino acid with a similar structure. (LRRK2 - leucine-rich repeat kinase 2, LRRK1 -



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